Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A document generation system comprising:

an assembly facility configured to apply precedence and rules to document content and configured to be coupled to an origination platform;

wherein precedence involves identifying two or more matching document components and dynamically choosing one of the matching components;

a knowledge base <u>stored in computer memory and</u> configured to be coupled to the assembly facility and to store content in a hierarchy; and

a content management system configured to be coupled to the knowledge base and to support authoring of document content and rules.

- 2. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to validate data received from the origination platform.
- 3. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to receive transaction information from the origination platform.
- 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the assembly facility is configured to generate a resolved, markup language file.
- 7. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the resolved, markup language file is an XML file to which a style sheet may be applied to generate a file in an output format.
- 8. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assembly facility is configured to operate with an interface to receive information from the origination platform.

- 9. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the interface is an application programming interface.
- 10. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base is configured to be loaded by a press process.
- 11. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base includes a plurality of stored procedures.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base is configured to be loaded by <u>a press</u> process and includes a plurality of stored procedures.
- 13. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knowledge base includes a plurality of object stores.
- 14. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 13, wherein each object store corresponds to an architecture specified by a schema or a document type definition.
- 15. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the knowledge base includes a rules object store and a content object store.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claims 13, wherein each object store is configured to be able to contain a link to an object.
- 17. (Previously Presented) A document generation system as claimed in claim 16, wherein each object store is configured to be able to contain a link to an object selected from the group consisting of an external object, a binary object, and a character object.
- 18. (Original) A document generation system as claimed in claim 17, wherein each binary and character object is composed of XML text fragments.
- 19. 45. (Canceled)

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached Replacement Drawing Sheet containing Fig. 22 replaces the previously-filed drawing sheet containing Fig. 22 of this Application. An annotated Drawing Sheet containing a marked-up version of the amended Fig. 22 is also attached.